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3 April 1950

MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director, ORE

SUBJECT: Policy concerning the CIA Weekly Summary

REFERENCE: (a) Memo to Chief, COAPS, from AD/ORE, dated 18 November 1949, "Distribution of the CIA Weekly Summary"
(b) Memo to AD/ORE from COAPS, 3 April 1950 re ORE Working Papers

1. With reference to your desire to raise the classification of the Weekly Summary to TOP SECRET, it has been suggested by the Director that ORE submit for consideration a few dry-runs of proposed TOP SECRET editions which may be compared with the regular SECRET Weekly Summary. These may be based on past or current issues. This dry-run should not be a formal publication like the Summary but rather be an example showing what could have been added to or changed in the SECRET Summary to show the difference between the SECRET vs TOP SECRET editions.

2. This will give the Director a better picture of what you wish to accomplish, so that it can be decided if such a TOP SECRET Weekly Summary will be more useful to the recipients under the higher security classification.

3. When the DCI has determined whether it shall remain SECRET or become TOP SECRET, we shall ask him, if you wish, for approval of a written statement of policy on the purposes for which the Summary should be compiled and the distribution which it should receive.

PRESGOTT CHILDS, Chief
Coordination, Operations
and Policy Staff

cc: Executive
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